

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Dana L. Blank.

Duncan, Summers, Austin, Blanton,
Candelaria Reardon, Crouch,
Dembowski, Klinker, Lawson, Mays,
Noe, Pond, Richardson, VanDenburgh,
Walorski, Welch

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Dana L. Blank for her outstanding service to the State of Indiana and its citizens.

Whereas, Dana Blank has dedicated her life to public service and the pursuit of empowering women to make positive improvements in their lives;

Whereas, Dana Blank joined the Indiana Department of Correction in 1968 and served as the Recreational Director for the Indiana Girls' School from 1968 to 1974;

Whereas, Dana Blank then became Assistant Superintendent of the Indiana Women's Prison and served in that role from 1974 to 1991;

Whereas, In 1991, Dana Blank became Superintendent of the Indiana Women's Prison, and in 2006, became the first state-wide Director of Female Adult and Juvenile Programs;

Whereas, Dana Blank retired after thirty-nine years with the Indiana Department of Correction;

Whereas, Dana Blank is a recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the University of Indianapolis and has been recognized with the 2002 Indiana Correctional Association's Distinguished Service Award, the 2003 National Commission on Correctional Health Care's



Program of the Year Award, the 2003 Speaking of Women's Health's Woman of the Year Award, the 2006 Indiana Correctional Association's Distinguished Service Award; and the Public Action in Correctional Effort/Offender Aid and Restoration's Person of the Year Award;

Whereas, Dana Blank led her organization with the belief that each individual has value and that the incarcerated woman is not her crime but rather, that her crime is a result of a bad choice;

Whereas, Dana Blank recognized the high rate of abuse among incarcerated women and worked hard to create an environment of safety and health in which women are able to improve the quality of their lives;

Whereas, Dana Blank embodied a progressive and holistic approach to the care of the women in her charge and created programs to reflect this philosophy such as those which focused on education, the preservation of the connection of women with their families, and the successful re-entry of women into life outside of prison;

Whereas, Dana Blank is an outstanding example of a public servant: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
- 2 congratulates Dana L. Blank on a distinguished career, recognizes
- 3 her enduring legacy in improving the services of the Indiana
- 4 Women's Prison, and thanks her for thirty-nine years of dedicated
- 5 service to the State of Indiana.
- 6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Dana L. Blank.

